which I unite Blackwellia
far beyond geographical regions
the ~~[illegible]~~ distinctive characters
are fictitious as hitherto given
- purely artificial if modified so
as to give them reality.

I have laid aside for you a
few of Wilford's Hong Kong plants
which you appear to have ~~[illegible]~~ either
not good or not at all from Wright
Amongst others a 5th genus of Hamamelideae. - The Distylium which we also
have from Wright is curious and a
very anomalous Hamamelidea. We
have a closely allied sp. from Griffith
also in fruit only and Champion's specimens
(which I could not make out before seeing
yours) have only young male flowers
I should like much to see the young ladies
to make them out properly. Wilford's
new genus is nearer to Eustigma

With kindest regards to Mrs
Gray Ever yours sincerely
George Bentham

I hope to be at work again at Kew
early in Novr - We now go to Paris
for a fortnight or 3 weeks, then to the
Pyrenees & in Sept on to Madrid
provided this atrocious war does not
interfere

57 Loo Choo = Thermopsis Chinensis Bth (Amoy Fortune n. 54) differs from T. fabacea in the obtuse calyx and some other points

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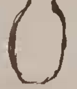
58 Loo Choo = Medicago lupulina L.
59 Loo Choo = Melilotus indica All.
60 Loo Choo = Astragalus lotoides
61 " = Ormocarpum sennoides (Diphaca cochinchinensis Lour.!)
62 d° = Desmodium podocarpum DC
63 d° = Lespedeza cuneata Don
64 d° = Vigna? the specimen is insufficient to determine
65 d° = Dolichos Lablab.
66 Bonin = Agrees with Mucuna gigantea except that it has not the pruriens hairs on the pod and the foliage is less hairy (Have they fallen off?)
67 Loo Choo = Derris uliginosa Bth. β Loureiri
68 Bonin = Derris (Brachypterum) Chinensis Bth.
69 Loo Choo = Pongamia glabra Vent.

71 Loo Choo = Prunus macrophylla Sieb Zucc!
72 Loo Choo = Rubus reflexus B.R.
73 Loo Choo = Rubus parvifolius Linn
74 Loo Choo = Rubus rosaefolius Sm.
75 Loo Choo = Agrimonia Eupatorium L. (quite the common European form)
76 Tanegas = Rosa multiflora var?
77 Bonin = Raphiolepis japonica Sieb. Zucc! several apparently distinct varieties - but not R. integerrima which has a fruit like this  or even longer

78 Bonin Osteomeles anthyllidifolia
79 Loo Choo Rubus - unknown to me and not in our herbaria (R. [illegible]

80 Bonin Photinia sp. } Both in fr. only and I
479 Whampoa Photinia sp. } cannot exactly match them

82 Bonin Terminalia Catappa L *

318 Loo Choo Balanophora dioica ♀ (J.D.H.)
317 do Balanophora dioica ♂ (J.D.H.) Jun 7th [1859]

84 Loo Choo Melastoma macrocarpum Don
85 Bonin Syzygium. Leaves of S. odoratum but distinct
86 Bonin Syzygium unknown to me
87 Loo Choo Zehneria, apparently mucronata Bl. the same as Mysorensis Arn.

88 Bonin Trichosanthes, not T. cucumerina.
481 Loong Kow Passiflora, not in our herbaria.
89 Loo Choo More like Kalanchoe varians than K. spathulata but in a very bad stat.
90 Loo Choo — } Sedum which we have also from
480 near Hongkong } Formosa, but undetermined
91 Loo Choo Sedum, something like S. uniflorum Hook and Arn but seems quite distinct.

94 Loo Choo Hydrocotyle nitidula Rich.
95 Loo Choo Hydrocotyle rotundifolia Roxb.
96 Loo Choo & Bonin Hydr. asiatica Linn

101 Keahkeah Paratropia Cantoniensis H. & A.

104 Loo Choo Viscum articulatum Burm. var V. moniliforme

107 Loo Choo Viburnum unknown to me

260 Loo Choo Loranthus ferrugineus Roxb?

28 Loo Choo Camellia Sasanqua (see Seem.)

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just about to go to Europe

Jos. Hooker's speculations as to divergence of species are rathe startling but they may be as plausible as any others upon a subject which must be mere speculation. They may carry one very far. My friend Arnott used in his muscological days to call his babies Gymnostomums but it seems now that we are really to consider that a man and a moss are sprung from the same stock which has diverged and produced these extremes by selection. Much as I look up to J.D.H.'s views in general I am not in this instance convinced – but I am now too old and too lazy to enter into controversies so that I shall confine myself to the old systematic routine and go on describing species as if they were really distinct and grouping them into genera etc for convenience of study.

I have left with the Linn Soc for publication a short synopsis of Homalium with